

X. *Description of a new species of Myriopod from the borders of Mongolia.* By ARTHUR G. BUTLER, F.L.S., F.Z.S., &c.

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THE following species has recently been purchased of Mr. Whitely for the National Collection; it was obtained, with a number of Lepidoptera and Coleoptera, by two German traders.

Genus SPHÆROTHERIUM, Brandt.

Sphærotherium nebulosum, n. sp.

Ochraceous, becoming gradually paler towards the anal segment, spotted here and there with brown; first six dorsal segments mahogany-coloured above and crossed transversely by submarginal black bands, remaining segments with narrow submarginal grey bands, posterior margins of the segments tawny; head and nuchal plate sordid clay-colour, with blackish spots and testaceous margins; antennæ olivaceous.

Head coarsely and very densely punctured, nuchal plate more coarsely but less densely punctured, with clearly defined anterior ridge; antennæ and mandibles clothed with short bristles; anterior dorsal segments slightly rugulose at the sides, the first two or three segments also slightly rugulose behind; laminae of first segment narrow, with very narrow marginal ridge; last dorsal segment obliquely arched and laterally slightly compressed.

Length 10 lines; width of first dorsal segment 5 lines.

Nankow Pass, between Mongolia and China (*Swinhoe*).
Type, B. M.

Allied to *S. javanicum*, but easily distinguished by the much more rugose characters of its head and nuchal plate.